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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In July, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **ten (10) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 10 "KIDS" recalls and safety advisories by title and identification number:

- ❖ Bath & Body Works is recalling Ice Shaver. #02-191
- ❖ L.A. Lighter Inc. is recalling Disposable Cigarette Lighters. #02-195
- ❖ Dynacraft Industries Inc. is recalling Bicycles sold at Target. #02-198
- ❖ Hilton Hotels Corp is recalling Vacation Station Children's Cooler/Chairs. #02-202
- ❖ Jakks Pacific Inc. is recalling cans of "Spatter" Spray Foam for Replacement. #02-203
- ❖ Young's J.K. Inc. is recalling Novelty Lighters. #02-209
- ❖ BRIO® Corp. & Small World Toys is recalling Snail Pull Toy. #02-211
- ❖ Lauri® Inc. is recalling Toddler Activity Sets & Puzzles. #02-212
- ❖ Small World Toys is recalling Sorter Toys. #02-213
- ❖ Radio Flyer Inc. is recalling Toy Car to replace Steering Wheels. #02-213

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 02-191 Bath & Body Works Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 1,000 ice shavers. The recalled ice shavers are orange and blue, come with two ice maker cups, and have a palm tree design on the sides of the machine. On the front of the ice shaver are the words, "Bath and Body Works Art Stuff." The ice shaver has a silver and blue handle, which when turned, compresses the ice onto a stainless steel blade. On the bottom are the ice shaver are the words, "Made in Taiwan." Bath & Body Works retail stores sold the ice shavers nationwide throughout May 2002 for about \$20.

Problem: The stainless steel blade on the shaver can cut consumers and cause injury.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these ice shavers immediately and return them to any Bath & Body Works store for a full refund or store credit. For additional information, consumers should call Bath & Body Works at (800) 395-1001 between 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02191.html>

Release Number: 02-195 L.A. Lighter Inc., of Azusa, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 1,800 disposable cigarette lighters. The recalled lighters are made of metal, come in different colors, and have a top that resembles a pencil across a protractor and triangle. To open the port and ignite the flame, consumers press on the pencil. The lighters, which are about three inches high, 7/8 inches wide and 1/4 inch deep, have a ruler along the side. A label on the lighter has the UPC code 7 63052 20108 5 and the words, "MADE IN CHINA" and "SLIDE PUSH." Retailers and distributors nationwide sold these lighters between December 2000 and May 2001 for about \$5.

Problem: The lighters may have child-resistant mechanisms that do not meet federal

safety standards. Young children may be able to operate these lighters, which could pose a fire hazard.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and contact L.A. Lighter at (800) 499-4708 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday to receive a full refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02195.html>

Release Number: 02-198 Dynacraft Industries Inc., of San Rafael, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 4,700 Vertical XL2 mountain bicycles. The recall includes only 24-inch Vertical XL2 mountain bicycles, with model number 8524-21. A label on the frame near the crank housing identifies the model number. The bicycles are red. "Vertical" is written on the top tube, and "XL2" is written on the down tube. Target stores nationwide sold these mountain bikes from August 1999 through March 2000 for about \$130.

Problem: The forks on these bicycles can break apart, causing riders to lose control, fall and suffer serious injury.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these bicycles immediately and contact Dynacraft Industries for information on receiving a free replacement fork and free installation. For more information, contact Dynacraft at (800) 288-1560 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit their web site at www.dynacraftbike.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02198.html>

Release Number: 02-202 Hilton Hotels Corporation, of Beverly Hills, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 27,000 Vacation Station™ children's cooler/chairs. The recalled product is a multi-use product that can be used as both a child's chair or a food/beverage storage cooler. The cooler/chairs were given to hotel guests as a welcoming gift at participating Hilton®, Doubletree®, and Hilton Garden Inn® hotels and resorts. The chairs have either a purple aluminum frame with a purple fabric seat and green cooler bag, or a green aluminum frame with a green fabric seat and a blue cooler bag. Vacation Station™ is printed on the front of the cooler bag. The chairs were made in Hong Kong and imported into the U.S. by Promotional Partners Group Limited of Hong Kong. Participating Hilton®, Doubletree®, and Hilton Garden Inn® hotels and resorts nationwide distributed the cooler chairs between May 2002 and June 2002 for free to hotel guests with children.

Problem: When the chair collapses the folding mechanism can pose a crushing, cutting or severing hazard to consumers' fingers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the recalled cooler/chairs immediately and contact Hilton Hotels for information on returning the cooler/chairs and receiving a free replacement item. Contact Hilton Hotels toll-free at (877) 221-2424 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit one of the participating brand web sites at www.hilton.com/families or www.hiltongardeninn.com/families.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02202.html>

Release Number: 02-203 Jakks Pacific Inc., of Malibu, California is voluntarily recalling approximately 296,000 cans of its aerosol "Smatter" spray foam. Only early production of spray foam with the date codes "0492PT" to "0952PT" stamped on the bottom of the can are involved in this recall. "Smatter" is an aerosol product that sprays a soft foam material from the can when the nozzle is pushed. The product is generally used at parties, celebrations, or games. The spray foam is sold in three different

varieties: "Original Smatter," "Spit Smatter," and "Fatter Smatter." "SMATTER" appears in large print on the can and on the cardboard packaging. "Nickelodeon™" is written on the orange handle. "Made in China" is written the back of the product. Discount department and toy stores sold the recalled "Smatter" products nationwide from February 2002 through June 5, 2002 for about \$10.

Problem: If the pressurized can is left in a hot automobile, it can forcefully break apart and cause injury to a nearby consumer.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled "Smatter" away from children and contact Jakks Pacific, Inc. at (800) 554-5516 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, for information on receiving a free replacement "Smatter" product. Consumers also can visit the firm's web site at www.jakkspace.com. Never leave any aerosol can in a hot car because it could break apart, possibly causing injury.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02203.html>

Release Number: 02-209 Young's J.K. Inc., of Portland, Ore., is recalling about 1,800 novelty cigarette lighters. These are refillable, gas-fueled, piezo-electric lighters in the shape of beverage cans. One lighter is labeled "Coca Cola" and the other lighter is labeled "Budweiser KING OF BEER." They are attached to keyrings. Grocery, gift, and liquor stores, and smoke shops and gas station food marts in Oregon and southwest Washington sold these lighters from October 2001 to February 2002 for about \$3.

Problem: These lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, posing fire and burn hazards.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Young's J.K. Inc. collect at

(503) 252-3022 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02209.html>

Release Number: 02-211 BRIO® Corp., of Germantown, Wis., a subsidiary of BRIO AB of Sweden, and Small World Toys of Culver City, Calif., are voluntarily recalling about 3,000 Plan Toys pull-along snails. The recalled Plan Toys pull-along snail is a bright green, yellow and red wooden pull toy. The snail measures 10-inches long and 4-inches high and is pulled by a nylon string attached to the underside of the toy. On the snail head are two yellow protruding pegs that extend about 1- inch from the body. The pegs are painted black and white to depict eyeballs. A stamp on the bottom of the head displays the Plan Toys logo and the words "Made in Thailand." Specialty toy stores, Internet retailers and mail order catalogs sold the recalled pull-along snails nationwide from June 2001 through June 2002 for about \$15.

Problem: The eyes on the pull toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these pull toys away from children immediately and call BRIO® for a refund. For more information, consumers can contact BRIO® at (888) 274-6869 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Consumers should return the recalled pull toys to BRIO Corp., SAFETY RECALL - Snail, N120 W18485 Freistadt Road, Germantown, Wis. 53022.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02211.html>

Release Number: 02-212 Lauri® Inc. of Phillips-Avon, Maine, is voluntarily recalling about 110,000 "Toddler Tote™" toddler activity sets and about 11,000 "Familiar Things" toddler puzzles. The "Toddler Tote" travel activity sets have three animal puzzles, seven stacker pegs of various colors, a geometric shapes puzzle and four basic shape mini-puzzles. All the contents are packaged in a blue box with a rubber handle that acts as a carrying tote. The 9-inch square box has "Lauri" and "LR-2116" written on it. The puzzle set is called "Familiar Things." It is a boxed set of 12 two-piece puzzles. The puzzles include cut-outs of fish, planes, boats and cars. The purple box has "First Puzzles for Little Ones" and "LR-2113" written on it. Specialty toy stores, web retailers and school supply catalogs sold the recalled puzzle and activity sets from January 1999 to July 2002. Toddler Totes were sold for about \$15 and Familiar Things were sold for about \$20.

Problem: The dog puzzle included with both of these products and the rubber handle on the box of the activity set can tear apart into small pieces and pose a choking hazard to small children.

What to do: Consumers should take these toys away from children immediately and call Lauri for free replacement pieces. For more information, contact Lauri toll-free at (800) 451-0520 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02212.html>

Release Number: 02-213 Small World Toys of Culver City, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 880 sorter toys.

Problem: The plastic windows on the "see-inside" sorting blocks can break, causing the beads inside to be released. This presents a choking hazard to children.

The recalled "Sort & See" sorting box is made of hardwood and comes with eight shaped blocks of various colors. Each block is filled with beads that are visible through plastic windows. The

wooden box has a clear plastic top and cutouts on two sides that correspond with the shapes of the blocks. The words "Ryan's Room" is printed on one side of the sorter box. Toy stores sold the sorters nationwide from May 2002 through June 2002 for about \$20.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled shape sorters away from children immediately and return the toys to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers can contact Small World Toys toll-free at (800) 421-4153 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

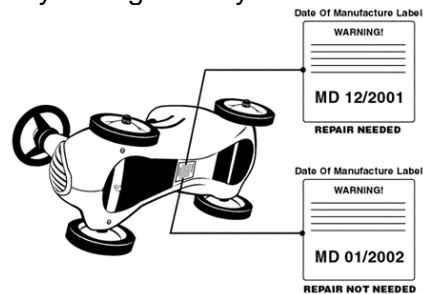


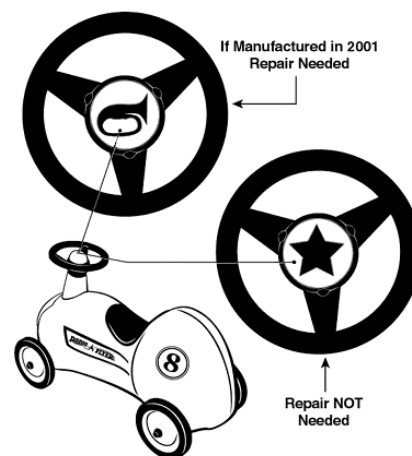
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Release Number: 02-214 Radio Flyer Inc., of Chicago, Ill., is voluntarily recalling to replace the steering wheel on about 59,000 Model 8 Roadsters manufactured before January 2002. The Model 8 Roadster is about 26- inches long with a red steel body and a red rubber horn on a black steering wheel. The words "Radio Flyer" and the number "8" appear on both sides of the riding toy. Roadsters included in this recall have a date of manufacture of 12/2001 or earlier and have a "horn symbol" embossed on the red rubber horn. A label with the date of manufacture is located on the bottom of the Roadster. The label has the letters "MD" followed by a date code that represents the month and year of manufacture (for example, MD 12/2001 is for a manufacture date of December 2001). Toy stores, discount stores, catalogues and web retailers sold the Model 8 Roadsters nationwide between January 2001 and July 2002 for about \$70. Model 8 Roadsters manufactured after January 2002 are not involved in this recall. Model 8 Roadsters with a star embossed on the horn, even if manufactured in 2001, have been re-designed and are not included in this recall.

Problem: A child can pull the horn from the steering wheel, and a small part inside poses a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these Roadsters from young children immediately and contact Redwagons to order a replacement steering wheel. Consumers can contact Redwagons at (800) 708-9246 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit Radio Flyer's web site at [ww.radioflyer.com](http://www.radioflyer.com) and complete an order form. For more information, consumers can contact Radio Flyer at (800) 621-7613 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.





- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02214.html>

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